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Sir :

In response to the outstanding Official Action on March 3, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on June 3, 2008, Applicants respectfully bequest reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

AMENDMENTS to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper:

REMARKS begin on page 11.